

June - July 2010

DISCOVER

the San Marcos Public Library



Own Your Own Home

Monday, June 14
at 6:30 p.m.

&

Taking Care of Your Personal Finances

Monday, July 12
at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone who is interested in purchasing a home for the first time is invited to a free workshop about the home buying process on June 14. Knowledgeable experts can help you discover the ins and outs of the home purchase process from making an offer to closing the deal. Make your dreams come true! Stop renting and start owning!

On July 12 you will learn basic budgeting skills, "cash flow" budgeting, how to build assets, and how to use personal financial management software to track your money and pay your bills.

These classes are sponsored by the San Marcos Public Library, Friends of the Library, the San Marcos First Time Home Buyer Program, and the San Marcos Housing Authority.

Summer Fun Catalog

Looking for ways to keep the kids occupied this summer? The library collects information on activities in central Texas and accredited camps throughout the state. Stop by the information desk and take a look. Many listings also include forms for you to photocopy.



Music at the Library!

Waggle Taggle Gypsy

Tuesday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m.

San Marcos Mariachi Academy

Tuesday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Dandy Andy Hartsock

Wednesday, July 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Marvelous Miss Molly Finale

Friday, July 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Summer concerts will be geared for children but all ages are welcome!



Packing & Travel 101
Tuesday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Join travel expert Joyce Pratt for tips and tricks to make your travel stress free. She will also include a short travelogue on Ireland followed by questions and answers.



Free Hatha Yoga
Friday, June 25 & July 23

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

No Yoga in August!

Certified Sivananda Yoga instructor Tina Baumgartner offers a free yoga class at the library each month. Wear loose clothing and bring a towel or blanket to sit on. Everyone is welcome!

Great Books Discussion Group

Monday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m.

An Interest in Life by Grace Paley

Monday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Selected Poems by Wislawa Szymborska

Interested in reading and discussing great literature? The Great Books discussion group meets each month to read and discuss selected literary works. Call 392-6470 for details. New members are always welcome!

Free Computer Classes
Wednesdays

10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

The library offers free classes in basic computer skills, Internet, Email, Microsoft Word and Excel. The classes are self-paced with an instructor. Call 393-8200 to register.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday through Thursday

10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**The Library will be Closed on
Sunday & Monday, July 4 & 5
for Independence Day.**

Adult Learning Center



The San Marcos Public Library and Community Action, Inc. offer free classes for GED, basic skills, and English Language Learners (ELL). The Learning Center office hours are Monday through Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Call 393-8215 for information.

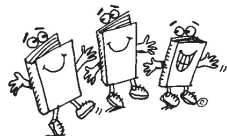
Register for free GED classes for adults. You must attend 2 sessions for registration, orientation, and assessment.

Part 1: Tuesday, August 31
at 1:00 or 6:00 p.m.

Part 2: Thursday, September 2
at 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

Plan to be here for 2 to 3 hours each day. Classes begin Tuesday, September 7.

Paperback Book Donations Needed



Summer is here and more people will be reading for fun and relaxation. The library is in need of gently used paperback books for its circulating collection. Two carousels house a wide variety of mass-market paperback books. Patrons may choose up to 10 books and return them when finished. There is no due date for these books or fines to pay on these popular reading materials. The carousels are stocked solely by donations. One carousel holds mysteries, science fiction, horror, adventure and general fiction. The second one contains romance novels.

GED Graduation



Hays County Literacy Action, The San Marcos Public Library Adult Learning Center, the San Marcos Family Learning Center, and the Kyle Family Learning Center will honor those who have received their GED at the annual GED graduation ceremony. It will be held at the HCISD Performing Arts Center on Thursday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone in Hays County who has received their GED this year may participate even if they did not attend tutoring sessions sponsored by Hays County Literacy Action. To participate in the ceremony, contact the San Marcos Public Library Adult Learning Center at 512-393-8215 or the office of Community Action Inc. at 512-396-4564.

Find out what's happening in San Marcos!

A community calendar can be found online at:
www.sanmarcostx.gov/community/events
Find out what's happening with a "tweet". Sign up to receive short messages from Twitter. Go to:
<http://twitter.com/cityofsanmarcos>



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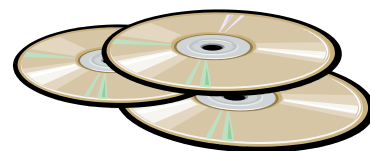
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Audio Books Make Great Travel Companions!



Before you hit the road on your summer vacation be sure to stop by the library and check out some books on tape or CD. The library collection contains a wide variety of recorded books sure to interest every member of the family. From bestsellers to children's fiction to fascinating non-fiction, there's something for everyone, everytime.

Job Search Skills

Make an Appointment Today!

Looking for a job (or a better job)? When the job market is difficult, it's really important to effectively manage your job search – and your career. Call the library at (512)393-8200 to make an individual appointment and get the help you need with résumés, cover letters, job searching, and online job applications. Our professional staff will work one-on-one with you to upgrade the skills you need to find the job you want.

BookLetters

Stay connected with the San Marcos Public Library through BookLetters e-mails which are an easy and fun way to find out about new books and activities at the library. Sign up today online or ask for a checklist.

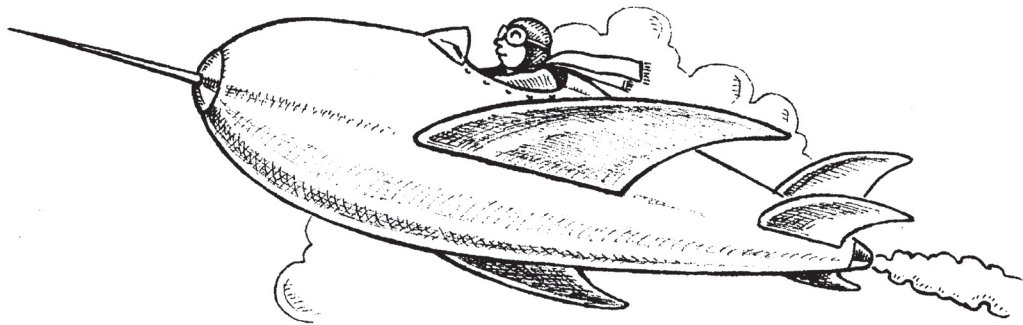
Support Summer Reading

The San Marcos Public Library is ready up for another summer of reading fun, themed Catch the Reading Express! To encourage children in their reading goals, area merchants donate merchandise or gift certificates to be given away as reading incentives.

Kids and teens who read through the summer improve their reading skills as well as their performance in school, and often develop a lifelong love of reading. Donations of incentive prizes help us to reward active readers, but also encourage reluctant readers to set goals and to challenge themselves.

Special events and weekly programs at the library also keep children excited about reading during the summer. This summer the library is planning a return visit from Dinosaur George as well as other special performers, puppet shows, arts & crafts, children's concerts, and visits from San Marcos firefighters!

There will also be special prize drawings for adult and teen readers for prizes donated by our great local merchants. If you care to donate items or gift certificates for this year's Kids, Teen, or Adult Summer Reading Program, please contact Susan Smith at 393-8213. The library also welcomes financial support to help underwrite the cost of supplies and grand prizes.



Library Adds Twelve Plaques to Wall of Honor

Every year, the Friends of the Library organization does a direct mail campaign to solicit donations from the community. Funds raised are used to purchase materials and equipment as well as to underwrite special library programs. This year, twelve generous donors were recognized for their gifts of over \$500 to the organization. A plaque has been placed on our donor wall in recognition of the following outstanding contributors: Phyllis Whitaker, Eleanor Crook, Myra McCoy, Hugh Black, Jean and Arthur Sieloff, Linda and Jack Stapper, Donna and Everette Swinney, WalMart Store #404, Grande Comunications, Pedernales Electric Coop, the San Marcos Kiwanis Club, and the Employees of the Kyle-Buda PEC Office.

Volunteer To Teach Computer Classes Wednesdays

10:00 a.m. or 5:30 p.m.

The library offers free classes in basic computer skills, Internet, Email, Microsoft Word and Excel. Ask for a volunteer application at the information desk.

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✂ Help the library grow! Join Friends of the Library! ✂

Your donation to the Friends of the Library is tax-deductible and will help improve the resources and services available at the San Marcos Public Library. Mail your donation to Friends of the Library, 625 E. Hopkins, San Marcos, TX 78666.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Amount enclosed: ☐ \$5 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other: \$ _____

This donation is made: ☐ in memory of or ☐ in honor of: _____

Please send an acknowledgement of my gift to: _____

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Summer Reading Kickoff: Madcap Magic!

Friday, June 11 at 10:00 & 11:00 am & 1:00 pm

Free Ticket Required. Tickets available June 1.

Every child who picks up a reading log and checks out library books will be entered into a special drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to Walmart!

The San Marcos Public Library is gearing up for another summer of reading fun, themed **Catch the Reading Express!**

Special events and weekly programs will keep children excited about reading. Be sure to visit the library often beginning June 7 to pick up your reading log and keep track of your reading. For every reading log returned to the library readers will receive a Reading Certificate and a drawing slip for the grand prize drawings. Winners will be announced at the Summer Finale on July 30.

This summer the library is planning a return visit from Dinosaur George as well as other special performers, puppet shows, arts & crafts, children's concerts, and visits from San Marcos firefighters! Pick up the Summer Reading Program calendar of events at the library or check out our website: www.sanmarcostx.gov/library.htm



Family Night! Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Families are invited to the library every Tuesday evening beginning June 8 through July 27 for a variety of activities. Enjoy puppet shows, concerts, art, and more! Fun for all ages.

June 8 - Puppet Show: Three Little Pigs
June 15 - Waggle Taggle Gypsy Kids Concert
June 22 - Puppet Show: Three Billy Goats Gruff
June 29 - San Marcos Mariachi Academy Concert
July 6 - Puppet Show: Night Before Christmas in Texas
July 13 - Fired Up About Reading with SM Firefighters
July 20 - Art Night
July 27 - Puppet Show: Tortoise & the Hare

Storytime!

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays

at 10:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays

at 10:15 a.m.



Children are invited to the library for great stories, songs and fun.

Toddler Storytime is for children ages 0 to 2 years.
Preschool Storytime is for children ages 3 to 6 years.

Catch the Reading Express!

Read Books! Win Prizes!

Pick up a reading log beginning June 7, check out library books, and keep track of your reading this summer. For every reading log you turn in, you get a chance to win cool prizes. The more you read, the better your chance to win!






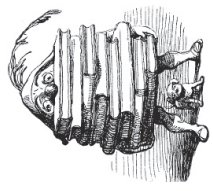

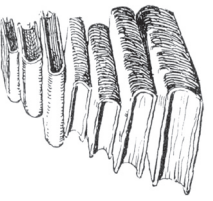
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